

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of generating index information for audiovisual objects, comprising:

5            converting at least a portion of an audiovisual object into index information; and  
             obfuscating at least a portion of the index information so that the intelligibility  
of the contents of the index information is reduced.

10           2. The method of Claim 1, additionally comprising dynamically generating  
an electronic document which comprises at least a portion of the index information.

15           3. The method of Claim 2, wherein dynamically generating the electronic  
document comprises customizing, based at least in part upon the indexing  
characteristics of one or more information retrieval systems, the content of the  
electronic document.

             4. The method of Claim 2, wherein the electronic document comprises a  
HyperText Markup Language (HTML) file.

20           5. The method of Claim 2, wherein the audiovisual object comprises a  
bitmap image.

             6. The method of Claim 2, wherein the audiovisual object comprises music.

25           7. The method of Claim 6, wherein converting at least a portion of the  
audiovisual object into index information text comprises identifying one or more words  
in the lyrics of the music.

30           8. The method of Claim 1, wherein the audiovisual object comprises a  
multimedia presentation.

             9. The method of Claim 8, wherein converting at least a portion of a  
graphical or audio object into index information comprises reading close captioned  
information that is associated with the audiovisual object.

10. The method of Claim 1, wherein the audiovisual object comprises a streaming media file.

11. The method of Claim 1, wherein converting at least a portion of the audiovisual object into index information comprises reading close captioned information that is associated with the audiovisual object.

12. A method of generating index information for graphical or audio objects, the method comprising:

reading index information that is associated with a graphical or audio object;  
obfuscating at least a portion of the index information so that the intelligibility of the index information is reduced; and  
transmitting the obfuscated index information to an information retrieval system.

13. The method of Claim 12, additionally comprising dynamically generating an electronic document which comprises at least a portion of the index information.

14. The method of Claim 12, wherein dynamically generating the electronic document comprises customizing, based at least in part upon the indexing characteristics of one or more information retrieval systems, the content of the electronic document.

15. The method of Claim 12, wherein the electronic document comprises a HyperText Markup Language (HTML) file.

16. The method of Claim 12, wherein the graphical object comprises a bitmap image.

17. The method of Claim 12, wherein the graphical object is a multimedia presentation.

18. The method of Claim 12, wherein the graphical object is a streaming media file.

5 19. A method of generating index information for graphical or audio objects, comprising:

reading index information that is associated with a graphical or audio object; and  
dynamically generating an electronic document based at least in part upon the contents of the index information.

10 20. The method of Claim 19, wherein dynamically generating the electronic document comprises customizing the electronic document, wherein the customizing is based at least in part upon the indexing characteristics of one or more of the information retrieval systems.

15 21. The method of Claim 19, wherein the electronic document comprises a HyperText Markup Language (HTML) file.

22. The method of Claim 19, wherein the graphical object comprises a bitmap image.

20 23. The method of Claim 19, wherein the graphical object is a multimedia presentation.

25 24. The method of Claim 19, wherein the graphical object is a streaming media file.

25. A method of generating index information for graphical or audio objects, comprising:

30 converting at least a portion of a graphical or audio object into index information; and

dynamically generating an electronic document based at least in part upon the contents of the index information.

26. The method of Claim 25, wherein dynamically generating the electronic document comprises customizing the electronic document, wherein the customizing is based at least in part upon the indexing characteristics of one or more of the information retrieval systems.

27. The method of Claim 25, wherein the electronic document comprises a HyperText Markup Language (HTML) file.

28. A method of generating index information for a data object, the method comprising:

converting at least a portion of the data object from a first natural language to a second natural language; and

obfuscating at least a portion of the converted portions of the data object so that the intelligibility of the converted portions of the data object are reduced.

29. A method of generating index information for a data object, the method comprising:

converting at least a portion of the data object from a first language to a second language; and

dynamically generating an electronic document based at least in part upon the contents of the converted portions of the data object.

30. A system of providing index information for audiovisual data objects, the system comprising:

an audiovisual data object;

a pattern recognition module for identifying one or more patterns in the audiovisual data object that are representative of a token; and

an obfuscating module for reducing the intelligibility of the tokens that are identified by the pattern recognition module.